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Tips for Main Idea and Details

- Each paragraph is written around a strong main idea that is supported by solid, meaningful details.
- The main idea usually comes early in the paragraph, often the first sentence.
- Think of the paragraph as a tower. The main idea is the top of the tower.
- The details are the foundation that supports the tower.
- The details work together to support the main idea.
- Each detail should be interesting and to the point.
- Inappropriate details make your whole paragraph wobbly and unstable.

